

# Survey of Probability Attitudes (SPA)

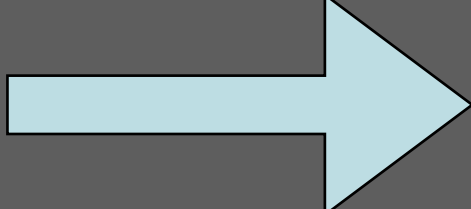
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We adapted the Survey of Attitudes Toward Statistics-36 (**SATS-36**).

I will like **statistics**.  I will like **probability**.

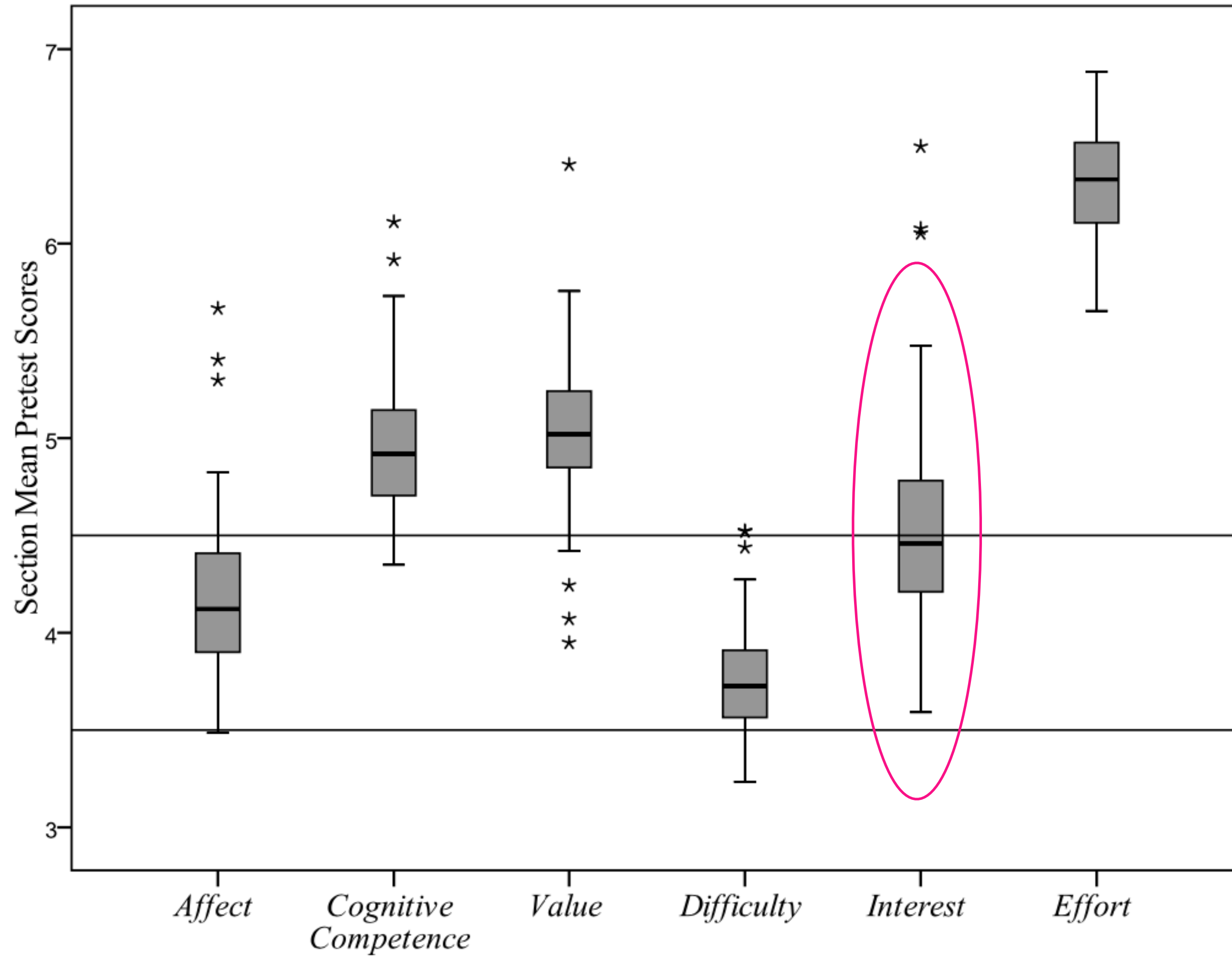
Updated **demographic** questions and added **open ended** questions.

Used instructor input and think alouds to make decisions.

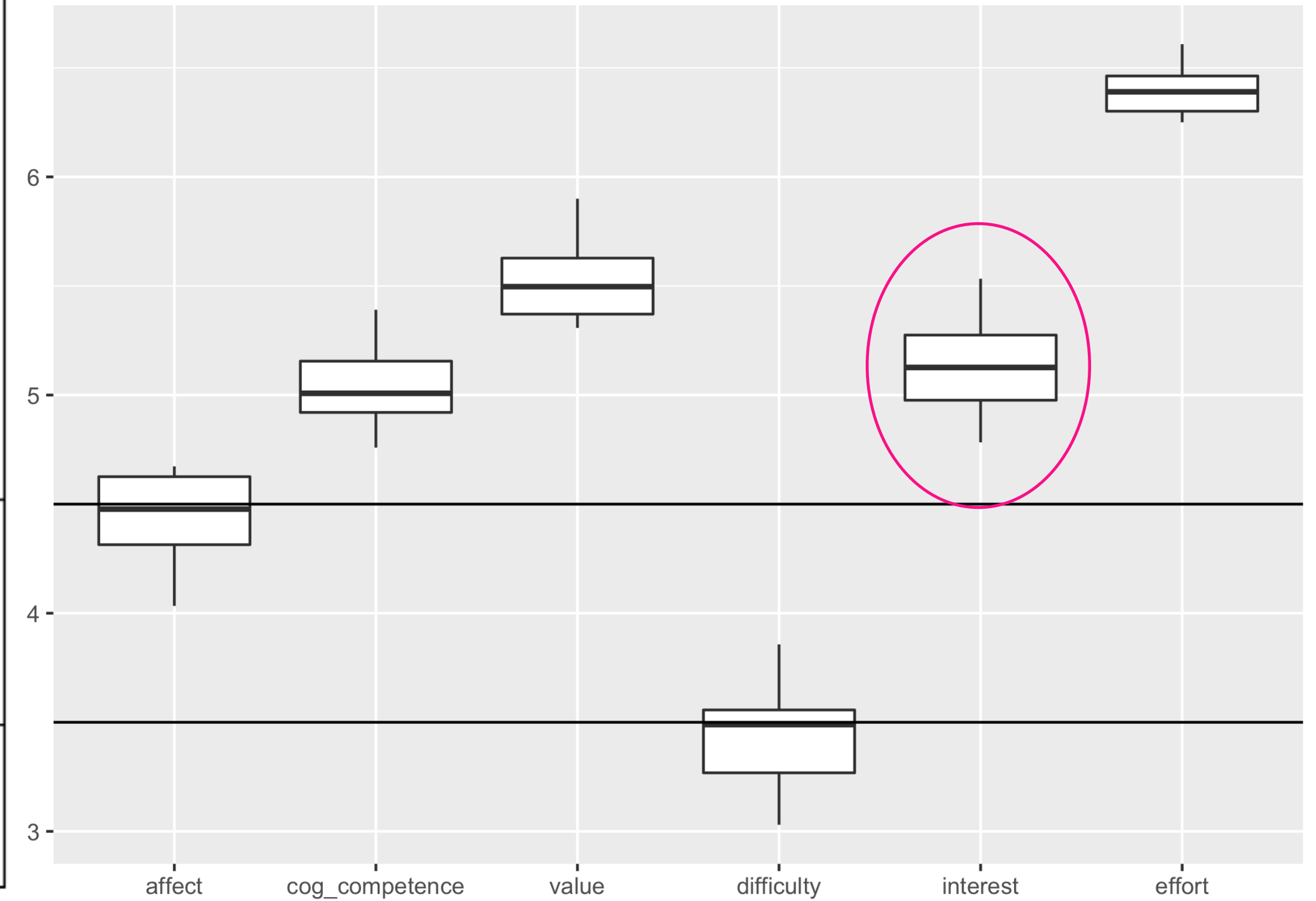
Administered to 13 Penn State probability sections (396 students fully participated).

# Functions similarly to the SATS-36

Schau (2012) - Statistics attitudes

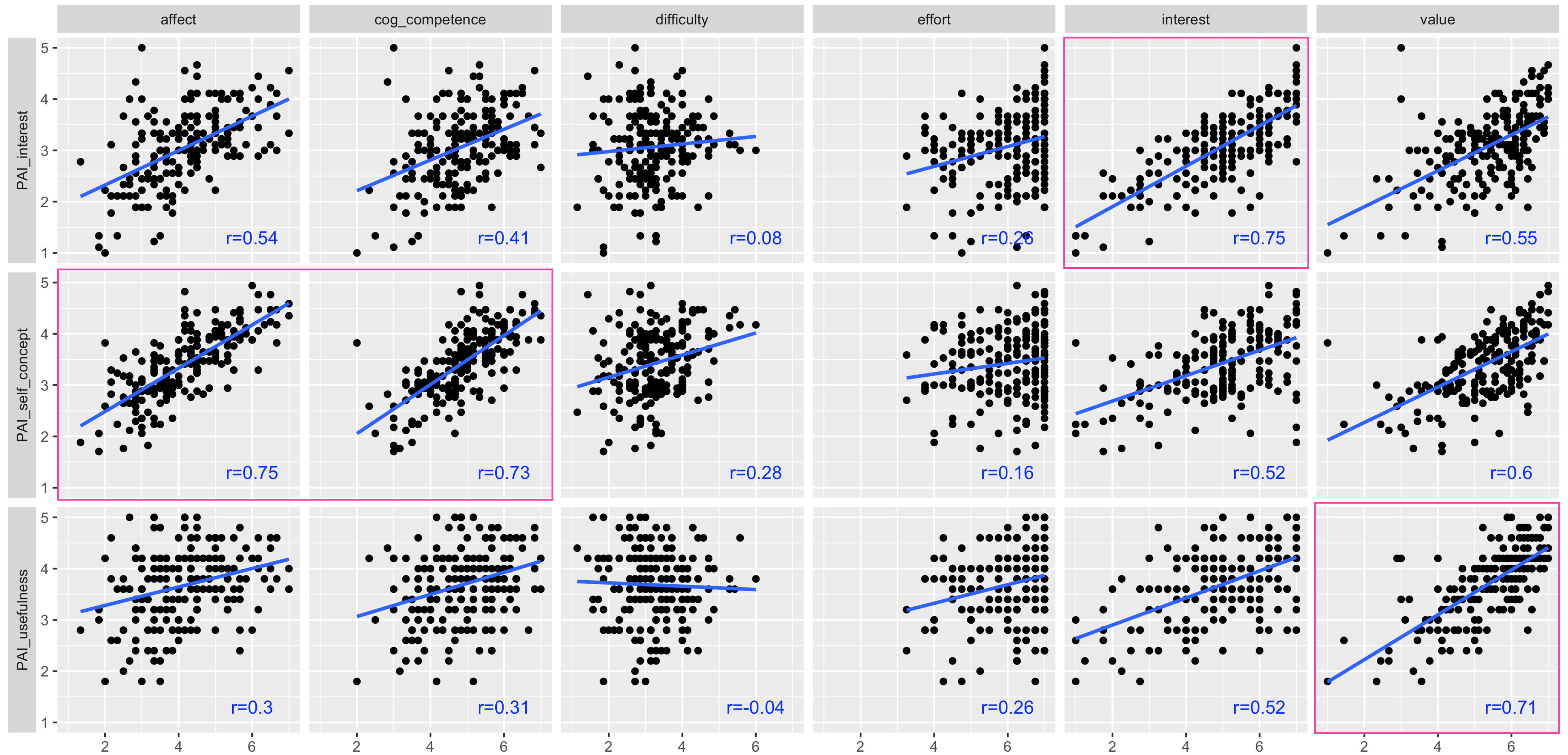


Eisenhauer (2021) - Probability attitudes

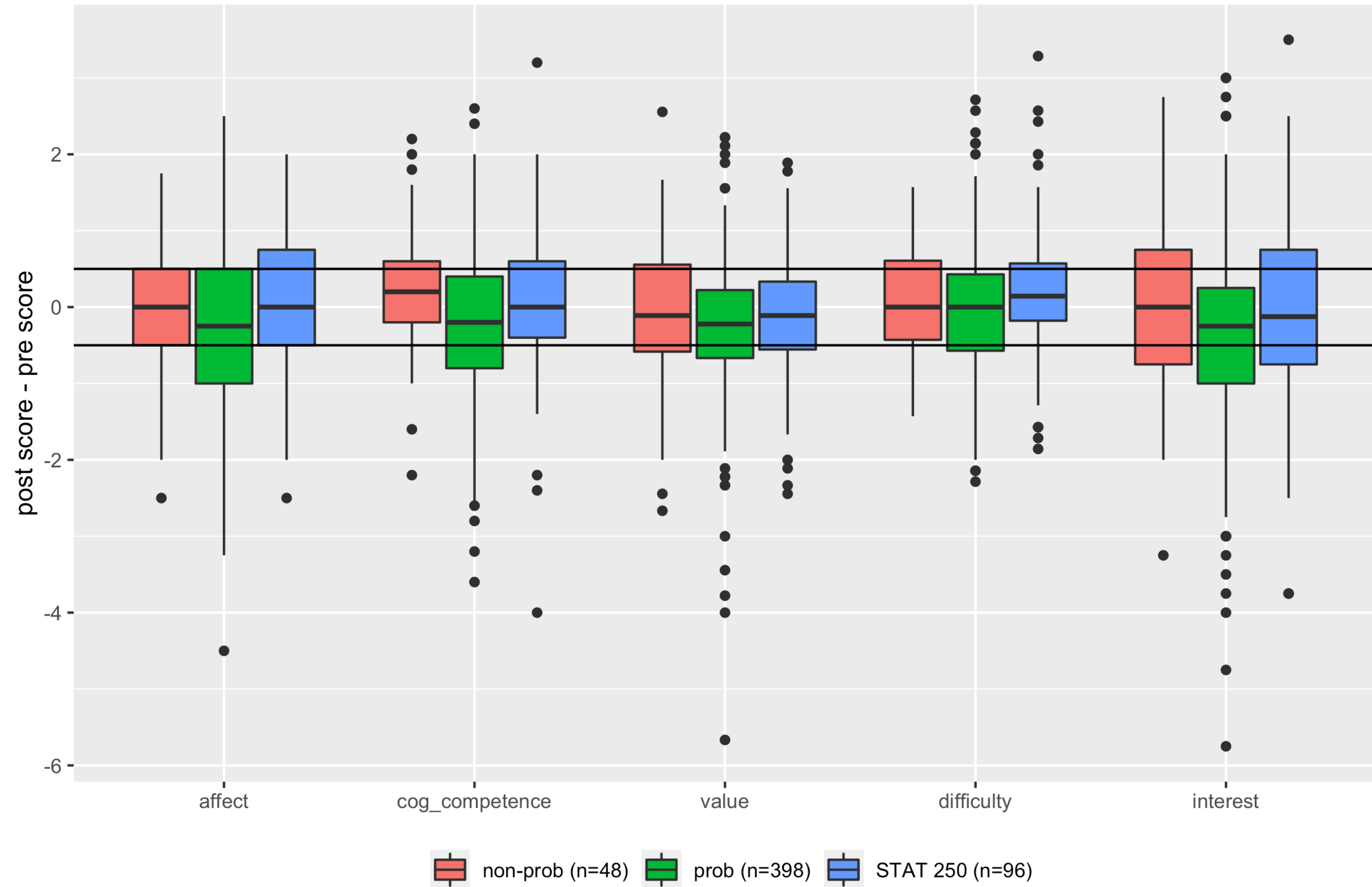


Students who took our pre survey seemed to find probability **more difficult** and were **more interested** in the subject. This is compared to the introductory statistics students Schau surveyed on their statistics attitudes.

# Correlated with existing Probability Attitude Inventory (PAI)



# Comparing to students not taking probability courses



Explored the **structure** of the SPA using CFA and EFA.

Propose a revised structure, eliminating and reassigning several items.

The SPA could be a **tool for researchers interested in improving probability courses** in the same way that the SATS-36 has been for statistics courses.

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